

*THE THIRD EDITION, with considerable ADDITIONS.*

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T H E  
 ABBEY of KILKHAMPTON;  
 O R,  
 MONUMENTAL RECORDS  
 FOR THE YEAR 1980.

FAITHFULLY TRANSCRIBED

From the ORIGINAL INSCRIPTIONS, which are still perfect, and appear to be drawn up in a Style devoid of fulsome Panegyric, or unmerited Detraction;

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Compiled with a View to ascertain, with Precision, the MANNERS which prevailed in Great Britain during the last Fifty Years of the Eighteenth Century.

—— REFER ANTE SUIS, ET CONDE SEPULCHRO. VIRGIL.

—— MORS SOLA FATETUR  
 QUANTULA SINT HOMINUM CORPUSCULA. JUVENAL.

I pore upon the Inscriptions, and am just able to pick out that these are the Remains of the Rich and Renowned. No vulgar Dead are deposited here. The most Illustrious and Right Honorable have claimed this for their last Retreat, and indeed they retain somewhat of a shadowy Pre-eminence. They lie ranged in mournful Order, and in a Sort of silent Pomp under the Arches of an ample Sepulchre.

HERVEY'S MEDITATIONS AMONG THE TOMBS.

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## TO THE READER.

THE Church of Kilkhampton was visited by Mr. Hervey (Author of the Meditations) Anno 1746, when in its original Obscurity. About the Year 1783 some exalted Characters of that Century proposed the Erection of an Abbey on the Spot where it had stood. The Project was considered of essential Utility, and speedily put in Execution. It soon became distinguished by the Interment of the most honorable Personages; and when this select Collection of Epitaphs was transcribed, *Kilkhampton Abbey* was supposed to contain a more extensive Range of splendid Monuments than that of *Westminster*.

\* \* \* This Edition is enriched by the Addition of several new Epitaphs.



To the Reader

THE Church of England

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# MONUMENTAL RECORDS,

F O R

One thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

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AT the End of the Choir.

Sacred to the Memory of

Lady B . . . . . T . . . . .

Who, with all the Constancy of conjugal Affection,

And all the Refinement of disinterested Love,

Rewarded the Sincerity and Honor of the Man,

Who lived but to preserve her Happiness,

Who died, but to defend her Innocence.

The Liveliness of her Disposition was clouded with Remorse and  
Sorrow,

At having provoked the Slander of a V--, who dared

Justify his Insult with the Sword, and though

She survived the fatal Scene, the Remainder of her Days

Was known only to Solitude,

And marked with Lamentation.

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Near the North Door.

Confecrated

By the unfullied Purity of her who never knew a Fault,

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Nor



Nor wished to indulge a Foible, that could violate  
The spotless Sanctity of the Joys  
She hastens to participate.

Think not, Reader, this Stone records the Language of Adulation.  
She was the new-born Infant of Lord and Lady .....,  
Heirefs to the Pageantries of Wealth and Titles,  
But snatched from the Grandeur they afforded,  
To partake of Felicities more glorious.

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On the Wall near the South Door.

Sacred to the Memory  
of --- Relict of the Hon. J... D...r,  
Who, with a Degree of Fortitude, that surprized the most  
undaunted of her Sex,  
Chearfully submitted to the Dispensations of Providence  
At a Moment, when Severity of Anguish baffles the reluctant  
Heroism of Resignation.  
In the earlier part of her Life she fell a Sacrifice to an Attachment,  
rash and unmerited.  
The Interval betwixt her Diffolution, and the melancholy Occa-  
sion of it, at a later Period, was short and wretched:  
Too partial to the dangerous Folly of ungoverned charioteering,  
The misplaced Fervor of her Youth  
Was fatally extinguished on the 18th Day of --- 179-  
By a Contusion, which, from its Violence, terminated in the  
sad Event these Stones perpetuate.  
Think not, Passenger, she was exempt from Indiscretions;  
Her unsuspicious Gaiety of Sentiment  
Exposed her to the Indulgence of Foibles  
Which rigid Virtue censures,  
But which the Profligacy of a worthless ---- amply extenuated.  
At



At the End of the Chancel.

R E A D E R,

Think not to trace my Virtues in the Page of History,  
 Or view my Worth, recorded in the Annals of my Country :  
 My Inclination never prompted me to a Wish  
 Which might promote the Welfare,  
 Or improve the Interests of Mankind.  
 I grasped at Admiration, and obtained it, but it was the Tribute  
 of a few, unprincipled and abject as the Man they cherished.  
 My Conduct became a Pattern to the Unbeliever,  
 A Refuge for the detected Outcast,  
 And a Reproach to those, who once had known and valued me.  
 An Enemy to Religion, I professed myself its Advocate,  
 And attempted to delude the Freemen of the City of G.....  
 By a Disguise of my real Principles.  
 The Poignancy of my Sarcasms made me rather dreaded than  
 careffed.  
 But be not inveterate against the Man,  
 Though you abhor his Vices.  
 G . . . . . S . . . . .  
 Saw his Misconduct, ere 'twas too late,  
 And abjured the Errors he had once so zealously adopted.

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On a Grave Stone, at the Foot of Lady ---'s Monument.

Here lie the nearly-mouldered Remains  
 of --- Earl N.....  
 Dignified more liberally by the Beneficence of an indulgent Prince,  
 Than his Deserts, or Rank in Life could justify.  
 Though



Though Affluence seemed to have courted him with a studied  
Partiality,

Though Honours were bestowed on him, and the Rays of Court-  
favor gave them new Lustre.

The peevish Sullenness of his Temper was unabated.

His political Creed

Was the genuine Emblem of his private Sentiments ;

In the one he aimed at Humour, in the other he professed,  
but without Success,

A blunt Disinterestedness of Manners.

After having, by a Series of the rudest Insults, effectually dismissed  
Two Wives,

He ventured to sound the Disposition of a Third,

Who, when she pays this tributary Veneration to his Memory,  
Forbears to signify the Means she exercised in her Defence.

Within about Ten Paces from a mechanical Erection,  
called a Buzaglo.

Entombed,

Lieth the perfect Corpse of B...ber G.....ne, Esq.

Which, at his earnest Request, and by the willing Consent of his  
Executors, was embalmed at a considerable Expence, and in-  
terred with every Solemnity specified by him, previous to the  
awful Moment in which he departed this mortal Life.

Stop, Traveller, if thou hast visited this Scene for Contemplation  
From Motives of Curiosity,

And reflect on a Calamity which may occur to the most cautious of  
Mankind

Wild Ambition,

Which rushes impetuous, when once unbridled,

Prompted



Prompted the mighty Soul, which animated erst the lifeless Clay  
 herein inclosed, to the dangerous Essay of improving Science.  
 To impart to Men the occult Mysteries of culinary Knowledge,  
     Was a Task above the Soar of ordinary Genius :  
 This B..... G.....ne attempted, but in the Hour of its Publication  
 was found strangled (as it was thought) by a joint Conspiracy of  
 his own Servants, conducted under the dark and secret Influence  
 of the Cook.

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Below Col. ---'s Headstone is the following Inscription.

To preserve, if possible, from Oblivion  
 The Remembrance of --- Countess of J....y,  
 Her ever faithful, and inconsolable Lord, in Testimony of the  
 Virtues she possessed, has consecrated this Tomb to her  
     much-lov'd Ashes :  
 Beauty, Good-sense, and Sweetness of Disposition,  
 Made her so universally the Object of Admiration,  
     That the Value he set on her  
 Approached, in the Opinion of the World, to Adoration.  
 Had she possessed more Prudence, with less Vivacity ; more Af-  
 fection, with less Inconstancy ; more Sincerity, with less Infi-  
 nuation ;  
 She would have lived a Pattern to the Wives and Daughters of  
     Great Britain.  
 Her Ladyship died in the ---th Year of her Age of the Spleen,  
 after having been long indisposed with the incurable Malady of  
 Coquetry.



In the Chancel,

Within this Urn  
Is inclosed the Heart of a Nobleman, who, amidst a Multitude of  
the kindest Virtues, possessed one Failing only.

W..... C.... Earl of E...x,  
Fraught with every Sentiment of Humanity, could be deaf to  
Compassion at the ensnaring of a Leveret,  
Though a Friend to Mankind, and an Enthusiast in the Exercise  
of Benevolence.

His sincere Philanthropy  
Led him to the Commission of many Indiscretions, but none so  
great as that of marrying Miss B---,  
Who, born to a moderate Sphere of Life, was in every Respect  
unequal to the Dignity of C----fs.  
This noble Earl, after having, without Malevolence or Persecution,  
enjoyed OTIUM CUM DIGNITATE,  
Lost his Life in a Fox-hunt on the --- Day of ----, 17--, to the  
inexpressible Grief of his Dependants, who revered him with  
unexampled Gratitude.

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In a remote Corner of the Northern Isle.

Underneath this Stone is interred the mortal Part of  
C----fs T.....  
A Lady devoutly rigid in the unwearied Exercise of the severer  
Virtues,  
Though charitable and compassionate to the Offences she deemed  
venial.

Her



Her Lord, after permitting her to exercise the most licentious  
Extravagance of Authority,  
Felt not the Usurpation she had acquired,  
Till, with unparalleled Effrontery, she commanded him to quit  
her Bed.

In the Pangs of ---  
A Shock too powerful for her fine Soul :  
Like another SEMELE she gave Birth to another BACCHUS,  
To whom she sacrificed,  
And on the 18th Day of ---- 178- died a Martyr to the Goddess  
she insulted,  
By the *ecstatic* Influence of the God she worshipped.

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Near the East Entrance.

A Tribute to the Memory of  
P..... S.....pe, Viscount M....n,  
Who, with an honest Intrepidity, dared despise the gew-gaw  
Follies of his Age,  
And cultivate those Virtues which emblazon an honorable Ancestry.  
The Admirer of Worth and Patriotism in the Alliances he  
form'd,  
He swerv'd not from the Principles his Conscience taught him to  
adopt.  
Nature, confessing her Inferiority, left him, the fairest Ground-  
work for Art to finish ;  
And though, by a studied Negligence, he shewed his little Esteem  
For personal Attractions,  
The Grandeur of his Mind was never lost under the simple Veil,  
which shrouded it.  
His Lordship died on the --- Day of ---- 18-- aged ---.

Near



Near the arched Roof.

Here lie the Bones of --- Dow. Viscountess S.y, who, after having danced Thirteen Esquires, Six Baronets, and Two Lords to Death in the Course of 107 Years, dropped down Speechless, to the no small Mortification of a numerous Assembly, in a Rigadoon Step. On examining her Ladyship's Corpse, it was discovered to have been much bruised by unfair Pressures (as is supposed) from her deceased Partners.

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Near the Altar.

Stranger, pass not this Monument without a Tribute  
of serious Reflection  
On the Instability of Grandeur, and the specious Fallacy of its delusive Permanence..  
H... P.... Duke of N.....d,  
A Nobleman indulged with every Gratification which Fancy could have pictured, or luxuriant Affection aspired to the Possession of,  
Born with every Requisite to shine, and exalted to a Summit equal to his Worth,  
Deviated, in the Decline of Life, from those great and glorious Principles.  
Which added Lustre to the Honors he inherited,  
And finished a Career of steady Virtue, with an Apostasy, ignoble as the Doctrines he defended.  
His Grace, after having long condemned the Conduct of His Majesty's M---rs in secret,  
On refusing to accede to a Proposition of the Lord C-----r, received a Blow on the Stomach which put a final Period to his Existence on the 17th of --- 178-

Some



Some few Yards beneath this decorated Marble  
Lie the Bones of --- G.ge, Viscount G.ge,  
The Casualties of whose Life have been never paralleled within  
the Memory of Man :

His Virtues were genuine and sincere, his Foibles few,  
His Misconceptions numerous.  
An Absence of Mind, incorrigible, though unfortunate,  
repeated, though lamented by himself,  
Promoted the Mirth of those who valued him,  
Though they severely discommended the Incoherence of his  
Conduct.

His Lordship, after having been miraculously rescued from a Variety of  
Dangers, lost his Life by inadvertently riding  
against the hind-wheel of his own Post-Chariot,  
on the 27th Day of ---, 178—.

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At the Entrance of a Vault, which when open discovered the scattered Remains of Three Oaken Coffins, is a Grave-stone raised about Three Feet from the Surface, with the following Inscription :

..... Dow. C—fs of .....

Zealously bigotted to rigid Acts of Devotion, and utterly despising the present Ecclesiastical Form of Worship, erected Seven Chapels for the Reception of her pious Converts, and petitioned the Three Estates of this Realm to delegate to herself and to such Successors as she should appoint (by an express Mandate of Authority from the K—), the Power of creating Two Bishops, who might perform every Function annexed to the Privileges of Episcopacy. The Petition was rejected ; and her Ladyship, after abjuring the Religion of the Country, and branding her Opponents with the opprobrious Stigma of Heresy, died on the 10th of May 179—, a Martyr to Superstition, Madness, Ill-Nature, Pride, and Hypocrisy.



From authentic Records it has been discovered that the Vault, wherein this Family have been interred for some Years, was originally, Anno 1770, a spacious Cellar built by the deceased Baronet, whose Monument is inscribed as follows :

To perpetuate, as far as human Assistance could lend the Means,  
The Virtues of Sir O....ph....s P...,

This Monument was erected by the joint and willing Subscription of his surviving Friends, who, honoring his Benevolence in general, and his particular Attachment to the Welfare and Prosperity of the County of G....., Have endeavoured to express the Sense they entertained of his manifold Defects,

By a sincere and public Testimony of their Veneration for his Memory. His indefatigable Zeal for the Good of Mankind, when Sober, and the honest Freedom of his Sentiments, WHEN DRUNK, have stamped an indelible Impression in his Favor on the Mind of every Well-wisher to his Country, who must, with an Overflow of Tears, lament the Loss of a Character, so strongly marked with an unlimited Liberality of Opinion.

The worthy Baronet expired in the Arms of his Butler on the 17th of Oct. 17—, after having put Three Noblemen to Bed dead drunk, at a HOUSE-WARMING.

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On a fair Marble Stone at the South Entrance.

To the sad Remembrance of her, who was once the beloved Wife of  
J... C...we, Esq. of C... Hall, Cheshire.

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This Stone would fain recall the (perhaps) too careless and injudicious Mind  
of those who, transported at the Lustre of her Beauties,  
Loft the living Opportunity of contemplating her Virtues.  
The Alabafter which records her Charms, rivals them not in unfulfilled  
Fairness.

The winged Angel, which guarded over her never-fading Perfections, would  
not have possessed a Soul more spotless, had not the Adulations of a de-  
signing World taught her to forget their Insincerity, when they paid De-  
votion to her once idolized Accomplishments.

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On a plain Stone, almost concealed from Observation.

Here lieth Lord A ---, \*

Whose Insignificance protected him, while living, even from Contempt,  
His Mind was unacquainted with any Sentiment that might have dignified  
the meanest of his Companions,

Whom he selected from the most wretched Class of Mortals.

His Conversation partook somewhat more liberally of the boorish Vulgarly  
which distinguished his Associates,

Than the Excess of his own natural Stupidity ;

He passed the younger-Period of his Life in a BARN, married in a FISHING-  
SMACK,

And died, unlamented, in the honorable Exercise of BASKET-MAKING.

\* Deceased since the first Edition was printed.



Beneath a magnificent Profusion of Atchievements, is  
the following Inscription in gilt Characters.

—Gaze with due Homage—

Deposited in a most splendid Shroud, the only Emblem of the Pomp  
she courted, lieth within a Vault below, the corpse of

-----, once D-----s of -----.

The BATON SINISTER had been her Portion for Five successive Generations,  
yet the Omnipotence of her Attractions vanquished so powerful an Anta-  
gonist, and unsatisfied with leaving her the affluent and splendid Widow of  
an Earl, exalted Sir -----'s Daughter to the Participation of a R—  
E-d.

Her Charms were irresistible, till the wild Extravagance of their Ambition  
obliterated their Lustre;

The most wanton Insolence succeeded the less arrogant Dominion of her  
Beauty,

And made her D—rs the first Victims to its Tyranny.

Restless even as a P——, she wished to murder the newly ripened Affection  
betwixt her —— and his ——, but failed in the Attempt,

And died on the 26th Day of ——, without a Token of Regret,  
even from her Domestics.

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On a Stone, raised above the tessellated Pavement, in the  
Form of a Child's Cradle.

Here sleeps

W---- B-----le, Esq.

Who,



Who, after having been, Time out of Mind, impeded by the Weight of his own Flesh, unfortunately fell from the Top of a Staircase on the 1st of June 178--., and was unwittingly suffocated before the Faculty could be made acquainted with his Disaster.

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From that Summit of Dignity, to which he aspired with Success,  
Is now fallen Lord ———, B——p of ———.  
His Promotion was as disproportionate to the Mediocrity  
of his Talents, as the Sentiments he adopted were  
unworthy the Honors he inherited.

The Brilliancy of his Conversation formed a specious Substitute  
for Depth of Understanding, and the Liberality of his  
Professions, an ineffectual Contrast to the Servility  
of his Demeanor.

With a retentive Memory his Reflections were either immature  
or ill-digested.

He possessed a Fund of Ostentation, nurtured in the School of  
rigid Pedantry, and by forbearing to blend Urbanity  
with Science, passed through Life without the  
Reputation either of a Scholar, or a Philanthropist.

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In a private Chapel.

For Peace Sake pass on, good Friends,  
And suffer not my almost mouldered Ashes to be disturbed.  
I once was B . . . . . K . . . . . Esq.

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A distinguished, though not reverend Lord M.... of L....  
 Fortune lifted me from Obscurity merely to have the Satisfac-  
 tion of crushing my Felicity, and insinuated herself so  
 irresistibly into my implicit Confidence,  
 That my accustomed *Temerity* left me at a cruel Non-plus,  
 Unknowing whether to be her Tyrant or her Slave.  
 I expired to the World, after being totally bereft of my Facul-  
 ties, on the — Day of June 178—  
 And unwilling to hesitate at the Alternative of Recollection, or  
 Oblivion, made Death my *Potion* in the succeeding  
 — of the same Year.

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On the South Side of the East Isle, on a superb Tomb  
 of coloured Marble.

H.... F..... Duke of C...b.....d,  
 A Prince possessed of Virtues, which in his Youth had been  
 flattered rather than improved,  
 Lived to condemn the Defects of an inconsistent though splendid  
 Education, and by consenting to a Second Tutelage,  
 repaired the Enormities of a misguided and  
 tedious Minority.  
 His Failings, though they frequently partook of Criminality,  
 Discovered an Openness of Temper, and a Benevolence of  
 Sentiment, which palliated the Indiscretions they  
 gave Birth to.  
 Had he been endued with greater Discernment, and less  
 Sensibility;

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Had his Conduct been distinguished by a larger Share of  
Circumspection,  
His Misconducts might have been less censured by the World,  
as his Heart would have betrayed a more vitiated  
Refinement of Policy and Dissimulation.

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Lady Visc—t—fs ———,  
After having long eluded the Vigilance, and mocked the Authority of  
every earthly Guard, was finally consigned to the more rigid  
Custody of Death on the 4th of August 178--.  
The wretched Character she supported through Life is the severest  
Censure which can be passed on the Flagrancy of her  
Offences,  
Nor does her Conduct need any other Argument to discountenance  
so pernicious an Example,  
Than the Comment she had the Effrontery to recommend  
As a public Vindication of her Proceedings.  
An unexpected Revolution in the promised Fruition of visionary  
Felicities, was the only Plea she dared advance in Defence  
of the most abandoned Infidelity.  
She lived amidst the Contempt and Reproaches of the World,  
without Reflection or Remorse, and died without a Wish  
to obliterate her Misconducts by avowing  
their Criminality.



At the Entrance of a Vau't late in Possession of the

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Descended from a Line of Heroes, whose Virtues he disdained,

'C--- H---, late Earl of ----,

Effaced the Glory of his Ancestors, by boasting himself the  
Representative of their genuine Greatness.

In public Life, he affected to be the haughty Fomenter of Sedition ;

In private, the little Tyrant of the Vassalage he introduced :

Without being nurtured in the Doctrines of a Republican System,

his Ambition led him to the public Execration of a

Monarchical Government ;

Without a Conviction of the religious Errors he had adopted, he

consented to ingratiate himself with the Joint-leaders of his Party,

by abjuring a Mode of Faith that might have impeded his  
Designs.

And having been for some Time distinguished as an ---- Senator,

died on the --- Day of ----, 179--, leaving the Purpose

of his Apostasy in Embryo.

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On a Marble Monument, somewhat injured.

In the hallowed Grave beneath,

Set apart from an Association of Plebeian Dust, and uncontaminated

with the *post Mortem* Infection of City Knights, or

Country Esquires, lies the once puissant and

magnanimous

Sir R--t H-----,



General (and in Speculation) Generalissimo in the Army of  
King Geo. III.

His Bravery was as unparalleled as his Death was luckless:  
The Terrors of his Front commanded such a fix'd Attention,  
That the Reverse of his Person was as invifible to the  
Spectator as to himself.

To dwell no longer on the Transcendency of his heroic Qualities,  
know, and record it to Posterity, gentle Passenger, that on the  
ever to be regretted 25th of ----, 17---, he fell a Victim to the  
Violence of his Amours.

But judge not harshly of his unfortunate Attachments;  
He courted only *the Graces*, Ladies of fo coy, and variable a  
Disposition,

That his fairest Speeches could not seduce them to his Affections,  
And by attempting to take unwarrantable Liberties, perished,  
an Example of their Vengeance.

Near the West Entrance.

*Fredrick*

F----- D-ke of ----, *York*

Advanced by a Series of unprecedented Occurrences, from a very  
Cypher in Politics, to the highest Offices in Administration;  
Disguised the narrow Selfishness of his Designs under the Semblance  
of a disdainful Contempt for the Principles and  
Conduct of his Colleagues in Office,  
And sheltered the Errors of Timidity and Mis-information under  
the Mask of Arrogance and Asperity.

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After



After having deluded the unsuspecting few, who were sincerely in  
his Interests,

And treated the more circumspect with Insolence and Derision,  
He retired from the Dangers his Duplicity had given Birth  
to, leaving the World to declare the Odium of so  
ignoble a Proceeding.

Thus stigmatized by Infidelity, he never regained the Confidence,  
even of the Faction he cherished and promoted;  
But disesteemed by the Natives of Britain, and held in utter De-  
testation by those of the Colonists whom he had  
treacherously imposed on,

He --- --- --- on the 13th of May --- unlamented  
in domestic Life, for he had ever made it subservient  
to political Design;

Execrated as a Senator, for he had invariably disgraced the fairest  
Professions with the meanest Diffimulation.

Bereft of the much-loved Power of Molestation  
Lies, in unwilling Peace --- Dowager C---s of M-----,  
Possessed of a ferocity of Manners naturally potent, and cultivated  
with a Degree of Affiduity less laudable than constant.  
The usual Softness of her Sex was totally annihilated in the terrific  
Intrepidity she assumed.

Blest with accumulated Power by the passive Indulgence of  
Lord M---, she knew not how to stifle the Wildness  
of her Ambition;

But, stimulated by the untamed Spirit of never-satisfied Vexation,  
Laboured with Success through an almost inexplicable

Maze



Maze of Difficulties,  
Till she became a Widow.

A Prey to Discontent, and weary of undisputed Dominion,  
The Dissatisfaction she then experienced prompted her to select  
an Object in Mr. H . . . . . on whom she might  
effectually vent her long-collected Malice ;

But the Genius of Compassion, sensible of his Worth  
and Sufferings,

Made Interest for the Re-establishment of his lost Felicity,  
And prevailed on Death to untie the Knot, by relieving Mr.  
H—— from the future Obligations of a Husband.

Her Ladyship expired on the 29th of August 178— by the  
Bursting of a Blood-vessel, in the rigorous Exertion  
of the Privileges annexed to ——.

The subjoined Inscription was penned by an intimate  
Friend of the Deceased ; but owing to a more than  
ordinary Severity on the Part of his G——'s Creditor's,  
was never put in the Hands of a Carver, being con-  
sidered as an unnecessary Article in the Expences of  
his G     's Funeral.

B——, Duke of ——,  
Immersed in Dissipation, knew not an Inclination  
Which he forbore to gratify.  
Contempt and Wretchedness  
Closed the Train of Dishonor, Riot, and Sensuality.

He



He lamented his Mistake, without reforming his Conduct;  
And having lived a tyrannical Husband, and an insincere Friend,  
Died an Exile, and a Mendicant.

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In a private Chapel.

Herein are interred

The consecrated Remains of Edm..d B..ke, Esq.  
At once the Tool and Leader of a Party, which feared to entrust  
him with too visible an Authority,  
Left he should rule them with Despotism, or put a Period to  
their Existence,

By violating the Interests he sanctified.

The Extent of his Abilities was more than equal to the  
Subject of his Deliberations.

His Eloquence was commanding, his Language calm and dis-  
passionate; and the Correctness of his Information  
scrupulously severe.

With every Requisite to form the finished Statesman,  
he consented for a Succession of Years

To look forward to the Acquisition of Dignities, which he  
might, at any Period, have commanded with Success.

His Parliamentary Conduct in the Year 1780 procured him the  
Admiration of the more discerning Part of Men, though (with  
respect to his Sentiments on religious Toleration) it  
biased the Multitude to a Distrust of  
his Sincerity.

He lost his Popularity on the Return of a General E.....



But by modelling his Principles, according to the Spirit of  
Men and Measures,  
Recovered the public Veneration, and in a Change of Admi-  
nistration, did Honor to the Councils of a young  
and cautious P . . . .

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On a superb Monument of polished Marble.

Here lies the Body  
Of — Earl C . . . . .,

Who, unanimated with a Desire of imitating the Virtues of  
his Progenitors, and heedless of the Mention which might  
be made of him hereafter, preferred the Gratification of the  
present Moment to an honorable Immortality; and indulged  
the Sallies of ungoverned Licentiousness, without the Inter-  
ruption of Reflection or Regret. He discovered at his early  
Period an Irksomeness in Matrimony, which no lucrative  
Considerations could induce him to relish; and lest the Ele-  
gance of his Person should captivate the Affections of the fair  
Sex, without a Prospect of Release, administered a Remedy  
in the Profligacy of his Life, which checked the Disorder in  
its Infancy. An unexpected Summons in the Vigor of his  
Youth deprived him of the Wish to reflect, while the Seeds  
of Caution were yet in Embryo.

He died with the Hope of benefiting Mankind by the Issue of  
his Indiscretions,

Though he had not Time or Resolution to renounce Obedience  
to their insinuating Allurements.



In grateful Testimony of the Virtues she possessed,  
 This Marble Monument is erected to — C—fs of Ab...don,  
 By her surviving and sincerely afflicted Lord,  
 Who, in her Life, valued not the inestimable Blessing he enjoyed,  
 And in her Death, wishes, but in vain, to obliterate  
 the Remembrance of the Felicities he rejected.  
 She was a Pattern to her Sex in every Virtue that could adorn  
 the most finished Accomplishments of Mind and Person;  
 The most affectionate Daughter, the fondest Wife, the most  
 indulgent Mother, the devoutest Christian,  
 the sincerest Friend.

Her Charities were rather felt than known:  
 Her tenderness prompted her to anticipate by the most diligent  
 Enquiry the Woes she wished to heal;  
 And to relieve them, with the most refined Benevolence.  
 Her loss was deplored by all; by none with more heart-felt  
 Sorrow than the Widow and the Orphan, whom she  
 considered as the justest Claimants on the  
 Humanity she exercised.

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In an obscure Corner.

Sir — — — —, B—p of — — — —

Was promoted to the Surprise of every one,  
 Lived with the Reproaches of the virtuous Part of Mankind,  
 And died without a Token of Affection even from the Few  
 Who courted him in Pomp and Affluence.

At



At the Entrance of the Grand Chapel.

To the Memory

Of — O . . . . ne, Marquis of C . . m . . . . n,  
A Nobleman who, in an Age of Dissipation, preserved his  
Honor and Integrity unspotted.

His political Conduct was ever directed by the Principles  
of Virtue,

To the Detriment of his temporal Interests.

His Domestic Tranquillity, though disquieted, for a Moment, by  
the Infidelity of a Woman, who merited the  
Contempt she ever after experienced,

Returned to him, with new Charms in the Possession of — —.

The Virtues he possessed were consistent with the  
Dignities he inherited.

A Foe to Servility,

He preserved a Grandeur in his most indifferent Actions;  
Yet in his Converse with the World, tempered the Greatness of  
his Sentiments with an engaging Condescension,  
that procured him general Veneration.

On an Oaken Tablet.

Sculpture, lend not thy Assistance ;

Let a Plank, hewn from the Forests he inherited,

Record the Insignificance of

— B . . . ley, Lord M . . . . .

Whose egregious Folly and inconsistent Prodigality had brought  
him to utter Ruin, before they waked him from a shameless

Lethargy,



Lethargy, which his disappointed Heirs have never ceased  
 To lament in Torrents of Affliction.  
 This noble Peer, after having been Thrice declared an Ideot,  
 expired at the Age of 6— playing at Blindman's Buff with  
 Farmer ——'s Daughters at H——heath.

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Fair Moralift !  
 Should an unwilling Sigh escape thy Breast,  
 In this Career of silent Contemplation,  
 Disdain not to prolong the tributary Sorrow  
 In Memory of her, who was once the loveliest of her Sex.  
 —— V——'s St . . m . . t,  
 Knew not a Failing, but that of pardoning the Offences she  
 had been taught to shun with Indignation.  
 Severity, and even Indifference, she considered as the rigid  
 Daughters of Fiend-sprung Malevolence,  
 Base, and deformed, as the Mother who gave them Birth.  
 The Softness of her Temper was discovered in Incidents of the  
 smallest Moment, wherein the heavenly Sweetness of her  
 Person, and the captivating Condescension of  
 Her Manners, strived to outvie each other, in  
 commanding Love and Admiration.  
 She distinguished with her tenderest Affection, and honoured  
 with her Hand, a Nobleman worthy the Blessing she bestowed;  
 And as she possessed every Virtue in its purest Lustre while living,  
 So she consigned the Relic on her Death-bed,  
 to the D——'s of A . . . l,  
 Who inherited every Sentiment of her much-loved Sister.

On.

*At home*



On a Silver Plate.

Here sleeps, who never slept before, one of the most distinguished,  
because the most indefatigable of Mankind,

J--- M--n--s, Esq.

His waking Reflections, though big with Trouble and Anxiety,  
were solacing to himself, by the comfortable Profits  
which followed in their Train.

He was not, however, utterly insensible to the less potent Conveni-  
ences of this transient Existence, though the *Ultimatum*  
of his Desires was *Ready Cash*.

He knew the Value of a pretty Wife, and employed some *awkward*  
Moments in studying her Happiness.

Death, angry that he wasted not a Thought on the Supremacy of  
his Dominion, pilfered his Gold in the borrowed  
Habit of a *Jew*; and after reducing him to a  
State of perfect Phrenzy, strangled his  
Fire-breathing Antagonist in Self-defence.

In a Nook of the Anti-chapel.

-----, E--l of -----,

Born to Dignities, knew not the Means whereby his Ancestors  
acquired them, nor wished to perpetuate them with  
*Eclat* to his Descendants;

He was a P--r, so wretchedly eccentric, that *take him all in all*,  
'Tis to be hoped we shall not *see his Fellow*.

Boist'rous in his Manners, boorish in his Sentiments;

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Noto-



Notorious as a Profligate, unprincipled as a Debauchee ;  
 Morose in private Life, contemptible in the Senate ;  
 Deformed in Person as in Mind,  
 He lived amongst the meanest of Mankind, in the lowest Species  
 of Dissipation, and after having repeatedly mocked the  
 Dangers of Boxing, Wrestling, Backsword, and  
 Bludgeon-fighting, was recorded in the Advertiser of the  
 Day to have been crushed to Death at a Bull-baiting  
 near his Seat in —shire, on the 3d of May, 178—.

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In the Grand Chapel.

In the peaceful *Haven*, where he would not be,  
 After an unlooked-for Series of Revolutions, now *lieth at Rest*  
 The Honorable C--- F-x ;  
 Possessed of Judgement and Penetration to circumvent the Designs  
 of those who, dreading the Superiority of his Talents,  
 Sought to gratify their Resentment with an open Declaration  
 of the Purpose they engaged in.  
 His Abilities were naturally powerful, and improved by intense  
 Application to the severest Studies.  
 The Brilliancy of his Imagination was even surpassed by the  
 Strength of Memory, which Nature had blessed him with.  
 As a Politician, he availed himself of every Requisite  
 which could form the finished Statesman :  
 As a Leader in Opposition, he scrutinised the Conduct of Admi-  
 nistration with a Warmth of Zeal that rendered him the  
 chosen Object of Minist---l Vengeance.

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His Instability had been an Obstacle to the Line of Conduct his  
Interests chalked out for him.

A studied Course of Extravagance exposed him to Dangers  
which his Fortitude was equal to.

His Passions were violent, and the Gratification of them con-  
sulted without the Intermision of a Moment's Reflexion.

He despised the Principles of common Life, and shone even  
in his Closet.

Having, for a Succession of Years, been the Sport of every  
Change of Fortune, he died on the 18th of —, 18—;

after being married Three Weeks to

Lady —, who mourned his Loss

with a Fortnight's Lamentation.

Molest not the scarcely crumbled Dust

Of the still dauntless Lady G . . . . . ch:

She'll wake at the gentlest Touch, collect her separated Limbs  
even on a Whisper, and ring a Peal of Vengeance in your

Ears that shall alarm the mould'ring Tenants of  
every Sepulchre around her.

Her Partiality to this wayward Existence was so invigorated by

114 Years Residence above-ground, that when Death

(with all the Gentleness a Courtier could possess)

offered to tap her on the Shoulder,

She turned indignant, upraided him with Barbarity to

her dear C . . . . . T . . . sh . . d, and maintained a

Siege of Thirteen Years against this

Second Enemy to Man and Woman Kind.

*Charles  
Townshend*

*Godwin*

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The puzzled Veteran, admiring her Audacity,  
But eager to enroll her on his Records, sent an Emissary,  
Godson to Cupid, to finish the Attack——  
She wedded a Third Husband, and breathed her last,  
In his dear, very dear Embraces,  
On the Third of August, 18—.

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In the Grand Chapel.

With not to recall the Soul, which by its spotless Purity  
Hallowed the inanimate Limbs herein deposited:  
The lifeless Resident, whose Loss this Stone laments,  
Was once Sir W . . . . . de G . . .  
A Man whose Virtues were esteemed a public Blessing,  
Whose Death was deservedly regretted as a general Calamity.  
His Worth was equally conspicuous in every Period of Life:  
As a Youth, he possessed Honor, tempered with Benevolence  
and Sweetness of Manners:  
When more advanced in Years, he made Integrity the Bias of  
his Actions, and the Interest of Mankind the dearest  
Object of his Ambition.  
In the Decline of Life, he still improved the World by cherish-  
ing the most exalted Sentiments in private, and promoting  
the Dignity of Virtue and Religion within the  
public Sphere of his Authority.  
As a Christian, he was admired with Veneration;  
As a Man, he was beloved with Sincerity;  
As a Judge, revered with Gratitude;  
He died, oppressed only with a Weight of Years, on the — of —, 18—  
To

*See William de Grey*



To transmit, with some Degree of Certainty, to  
 Centuries hereafter,  
 The Memory of one, whose Name was lost in the Depths  
 of Oblivion,  
 In the Moment that his mortal Part was committed to the Grave,  
 Some chosen few of Rank and Property in the County of S . . . .  
 Have erected this Monument of Triumph to the Right,  
 though strangely honourable  
 Lord ———,  
 Descended from a very worthy Family, the intrinsic Splendor of  
 whose Virtues lost a considerable Portion of its genuine  
 Lustre, when obscured by the dark Shades  
 Which constituted no inferior Part of his L . . dship's Character.  
 The Disguise, with which he attempted to conceal his  
 Unworthiness, was of a Texture so superlatively wretched,  
 That his most partial Intimates saw through the  
 flimsy Veil, with bold and unanswerable  
 Conviction, at the very Moment when they wished  
 themselves Strangers to his Foibles.  
 His cool Indifference of Temper protected him,  
 to the Astonishment of all who knew him, under  
 the Pressure of a Variety of Calamities.  
 Ridiculed as a public Spectacle for Merriment,  
 Insulted as an Object of Contempt,  
 He suffered not beneath the seeming Yoke, but *grinned a ghastly*  
*Smile* of enviable Serenity.  
 This strange Career of the most perfect Apathy  
 That has been yet recorded of one not totally a Misanthropist,  
 was, however, finally closed by a Death equally  
 H ignominious



ignominious with the Life that preceded it.  
The noble C — — — r of the ——— expired at an Affociation  
Feast near G . . f . . d, in the memorable Attempt of  
Blasting the Reputation of Two of his Cousin's Constituents  
by vociferously d . mning the noxious Quality  
of their Venifon.

*Gosford*

To the Memory of  
Lord Viscount M . . . fw . . th,  
Who, through a Spirit of Rivalship and Emulation, attempted,  
on the 12th of September, 178—, to drive a Phaëton  
and Six, *in Hand*, Seventeen Miles beyond *Cambridge*,  
and broke his Neck near the *Gog-magog* Hills.  
He was the Second Connoisseur in Horse-flesh in the known  
World, though *his Modesty* prevented him from carrying on  
*a Correspondence* with other Adepts in that truly  
honourable Science.

*Molesworth*

—— Dow. C——fs of L . . . . .  
From a Family-failing (as it is vulgarly reported) treated with  
the most sovereign Contempt and Insolence, a Nobleman  
who, though he had fallen a Victim to her Hypocrisy,  
exerted Spirit enough to chastise her Offences in  
the very Instant that he bade adieu to  
Life and Infelicity.  
Her Settlement was such, that to a vain and ambitious Woman,  
The



The Gratifications it afforded, were cruel and insulting :  
 Resolving therefore rather to die in Bondage than live in an  
 Obscurity she judged incompatible with an  
 honourable Widowhood,  
 She lingered (after —— Years Round of the most unpardonable  
 Extravagance) in a private Receptacle for ——, unpitied  
 by those of her Creditors who had remembered ——.

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In the Grand Chapel.

*Ld George Sackville*

Confecrated to the Memory of  
 Lord Geo... G.r...ne,

Who, by an unwearied Perseverance in the Discharge of a  
 public Trust, baffled the Malevolence of Fortune, and crushed  
 in the Impotency of their Malice the Designs of those  
 Men, who endeavoured to efface an irreproachable Conduct  
 of Twenty Years, by calling to Remembrance, in its most  
 odious View, the criminal, though not inexpiable,

Error of 175—. 7

Born to those Virtues which his Father so eminently possessed,  
 he concealed them from general Admiration by a fullen  
 Dignity of Manners, constant even in Retirement.

In valuing the Glory of his Ancestors, he was unable to separate  
 the Honors they had inherited, and striving to perpetuate  
 the one, he could not avoid cherishing too public  
 a Veneration for the flattering Distinctions  
 of the other.

Animated from his earliest Years with the Spirit of Uncontroul,  
 And



And nursed in the Foibles his Passions too readily adopted,  
he offended repeatedly in private, to the sincere  
Concern of others, *once* in the Field to  
*Minden* the Anguish of himself.

Branded with the Imputation of Cowardice, he lost the  
Reputation he had wished to earn, as a Commander,  
without the Means of ever rising superior to  
the Censures he had incurred.

As a Statesman, he exhibited a more flattering Portrait; though  
to the Moment of his Death he never escaped the sarcastic  
Reflections of a few, who were sensible neither  
to Honor or Humanity, when actuated  
by Interest.

Here lie the Remains  
of — St....pe, Earl of Ch.....d.

His strange Inconsistency of Character protected him from  
universal Ill-will;

His Conduct, in one unhappy Instance, where Mercy pleaded  
to his tenderest Feelings, would shade a larger Display  
of Virtues, than his dearest Friends can say,  
he had the Inclination to cultivate.

In the prevalent Hopes of a total Annihilation,  
Refts Edw..d G.b..n, Esq.

A Man possessed of Talents, which, when called forth in the  
Service

*Stanhope Earl*

*of Chesham*

*Execution of  
Patriot for years*

*Edward Gibbon*



Service of his Country, shone with a Lustre that obscured  
the mean Abilities of his Colleagues in Office ;  
When engaged in the ungrateful Task of invalidating the  
Dignity of Religion, and imposing on the Credulity of  
Men, who embrace with Eagerness every  
specious Opinion that tends to  
correct what is stiled the Prejudices of Faith,  
For a Moment dazzled the Beholder, with an idle Glare that  
vanished at the more steady Gaze of conscious Truth,  
and bold Integrity :  
His Judgment was mature, his Conceptions strong, his  
Reasonings seldom to be controverted, even with the  
Appearance of Success.  
His Exuberance of Genius, and Fire of Imagination insured a  
Confidence of Victory in Difficulties, to the Scale even  
of extraordinary Abilities, almost inextricable.  
He lived in incessant Action, and died a Bigot to the Errors he  
had adopted from the precipitate Rashness of his Decisions.

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In a Chapel dedicated to King Charles II.

Pr'ythee, gentle Passenger, sing a *Requiem* to the departed Fair,  
Who dwells full Sixteen Fathom deep in the dark and  
lonesome Dungeon below Stairs.  
She was once brisk and lively like yourself, and happy to discharge  
a like Commission for any of her Intimates, whom she  
had known and valued in the upper World.



Kind Reader, if thou art a Gentleman, suffer not the dying  
Words of a now breathless Fair-one to pass unheeded.

Remember her Benevolence when living,  
Her unexampled Tenderness and Compassion;  
The Relief she could afford, even Vagrants shared.

Centuries to come shall testify her Generosity.  
Yet, with an Assemblage of Virtues, that were expressive of the  
*finest Feelings,*

Lady C . . . . . Sp . . . . . on the 14th of M— 178—  
Fell a Sacrifice to the presumptuous Folly of *wearing Breeches*:  
An illegitimate of *Diana's* disguised *en habit de chasse* took her for  
Mr. — of the *Oxford Hunt*, and finding the Mistake,  
Horse-whipped her to Death before Lord Ch . . . . s could  
amble to her Assistance.

On a Pillar of Black Marble.

A just Emblem of human Mortality.

Here lies

In lamentable Plight

— T . . . . . Earl of W . . . . .,

Who, on the 20th of August 178— endeavouring to impede the  
Flight of his eldest D——r, thought fit and convenient to  
poise his unwieldy Carcase on an old battered Family-wall,  
(a Rendezvous in the purposed *Route*) and suffering himself to  
be agitated too violently with parental Tenderness and Cau-  
tion, lost his Hold, by which Means the noble Earl dropped  
irrecoverably *ex Equilibrio* and fractured his Skull, to the no-  
small



small —— of the young Couple, who were now left to consummate the Marriage Ceremony without farther Molestation. On opening the Brain of the Deceased, it was discovered to have been in an unsound State ever since the Year 174—. A very dangerous Contusion appeared to have been received in one of the Summer Months 177—.

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In the Grand Chapel.

—— B—p of ——,

One of the truest *Shots* within Sixty Miles of — Palace, for a Period of Thirty Years never parted with a Bird, either of his own killing, or his Chaplains.

His Advancement to the See of ——, which had never before dignified one so little worthy of inheriting its Possessions, Gave the less affluent Clergy Reason to hope for an Alteration in his Sentiments.

Their Prospects were, however, soon clouded.

His L..dship died as he had lived, a zealous Partisan of the Rich, An Oppressor of the Poor, and a rigid Foe to Benevolence and Liberality.

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To acquaint After-ages with the Splendor of his Rank and Abilities,

This Monument of public Respect

Was erected on the —— of ——, 1820, to the Memory of

W . . . . . M . . . . . y Earl of M . . . . f . . . . d,

Who



Who, rendered illustrious by the Greatness of Mind,  
Which distinguished him as a Peer of Eng . . . d,  
And conscious of the Dignity with which he discharged for a  
Period of Years, an Office laborious, and truly honourable,  
Valued neither the Murmurs of designing Enemies, nor the  
Tumults of declared Traitors to the Happiness of a  
British Constitution.

Records, more permanent than the Marble which acknowledges  
his unrivalled Worth, have consigned to the Admiration  
of Ages yet unlooked-for, a Testimony of the  
Sweetness of his Manners, and the Powers  
of his Eloquence.

The Flowers of Poetry, culled with the delicate Profusion of  
Magnificence, and ranged with Simplicity and Ornament,  
were a just Tribute to his Youth.

Let the Dictates of Truth, biased only by Sincerity, pay equal  
Homage to the maturer Glories of Years, more regretted  
for their near Approach to the Close of Life, as  
they were more revered for the Counsels  
they established, and the Interests  
they made secure.

His Candor and Moderation were as exemplary as his Decisions  
were honourable and valid. In allowing the Sufferer to advance  
every Plea, that might give Sanction to his Conduct,  
he observed a nice and invariable Mean  
betwixt indiscriminate Mercy  
and rigid Justice.

His domestic Diffensions were a grand Cause of his zealous  
Attachment to public Concerns.

They



They rendered him in private Life a careless Husband, in the  
Courts of Law an indefatigable Judge.

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Both snatched from Life in the self-same Moment,  
In paying the customary *Devoirs* of a short Embrace;  
Lieut. Gen. and Lady C . . . . . J . . . . .  
Lie buried in one spacious Tomb,  
Convenient for —, should they revive with Cordiality and  
Affection, wide enough for the most rigid Separation  
should they quarrel.  
He was more than an equal Match for *Princes*, Potentates, and  
Powers; she would not have founded a Retreat had  
the D — l himself been arrayed against her.  
The General had seen least Service.  
The Medusæan Puissance of her Tongue no sooner played off  
its Artillery, than the discomfited Warrior stood aghast,  
motionless and dumb.  
Death, kind even in the Desolation he distributes, was concerned  
for their Dissentions, and seeing them drinking Chocolate,  
with more than ordinary Indifference, on the  
28th of July 17— levelled *one* Arrow,  
and shot them *sipping*.



Hon. ———

—— of ——

Oppressed with Calamities, and acknowledging his —— to preside  
at the —— in the Sorrow of his Heart, complained to his Lady,  
who, instead of administering Comfort to his Affliction, swore  
she'd assist the ——, and pull his —— about his Ears, if  
he did not give her full Power of —— and —— as she  
pleased. His ——, though he had never discovered  
a Spark of R . . . gion in his promised Persecutrefs,  
feared her Interest with Lord —— might  
be greater than he conjectured, and of Two  
Evils wisely chose the least. Dissatisfied  
however with Half a Blessing Mrs. ——  
got a *Recipe* from Mr. G——ths,  
and —— on the ——

Day of

17

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In Gratitude to the Virtues he possessed,  
This Monument of their unfullied Integrity was erected with a  
Zeal becoming the Dignity of his Life, and the  
Sincerity of his Professions,  
To perpetuate with Esteem and Veneration,  
The Memory of Sir H . . . . HUGHSON, Bart.  
Who, in the Year 1780, scorning the Depredations of an insolent  
and undisciplined Rabble, and viewing with Contempt the  
mean Artifices, whereby the Representatives of G——  
B——t——n



B—t—n secured their Interests with an injudicious Body of Electors (in a well-grounded Confidence that the Up—~~H—~~ would indubitably annul the seeming Liberality of their Decisions) dared openly avow the Principles he had ever rigorously adhered to, and demanded the Privilege of a Toleration in favor of a Religion, the Tenets of which he, at the same Moment, declared indefensible.

So amiable an Instance of the most approved Benevolence was not the Result of an Attachment to Party, or the Indulgence of an untoward Inclination.

His Life has been ever a rigid Example of the worthiest Sentiments formed by mature Reflection, and supported on the Basis of Honor and Fidelity.

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Lord Viscount ———

Was born on the — Day of — 17—

Set sail for A . . . . ca on the — of —

Returned (at the Public Expence) on the —

And died, out of Love and Compliment to his B—, on the 14th of March 179—.

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Honorable Sir ———

Relying on the Splendor of an honorable Ancestry, disdained to rival the Virtues of his Progenitors :

His Soul was a Stranger to Ambition, and biassed only by Views of private Emolument.

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In his Thirst for —— he protracted Events which would have  
 added Glory to his Name.  
 Eager to possess, he forgot that only public Approbation sanctifies  
 the Enjoyment of public Acquisitions.  
 After being —— from ——, and resigning the Order of the ——,  
 he lived —— Years in Retirement, and died on the ——  
 of —— in undisturbed Obscurity.

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Indulge the Tribute of a pitying Tear,  
 In kind Remembrance of her who was once the fair, the blooming  
 Lady V——s T.....d,  
 Born and educated without the Prospect of rising beyond the  
 Level of Mediocrity,  
 She cultivated the sincerest Charms that could assist in finishing  
 a Model of the loveliest Perfection.  
 The Elegance of her Attractions captivated the Heart, while the  
 artless Innocence of her Conversation improved the Felicity  
 of those who gazed on the soft Lustre of her  
 Beauties with Rapture and Admiration.  
 The Nobleman she was *induced* to espouse, kept guard over the  
 Treasure he possessed, with a Warmth of Affection that did  
 Honor to her Virtues,  
 Though it robbed her of that unsuspected Freedom of Sentiment  
 which Youth and Beauty part from with Reluctance.  
 She lived beloved without Jealousy by the Young and Gay,  
 admired without Envy by the more rigid of her Sex, and  
 distinguished with Tokens of sincere Veneration  
 from all who knew the Refinement of her  
 Accomplishments.



F..... H.....d, Earl of C.....fle,  
 Blended the most endearing Virtues with the Foibles  
 of the Age he lived in :

With a Mind, prompt to receive every Impression, that engaged  
 Attention, either by the Flattery it offered, or the Novelty it  
 exhibited,

He foresaw not the Indiscretions he had been guilty of, till he  
 lamented their Consequence, and found himself the Victim of  
 Design, from having refused to be considered the  
 Pupil of Suspicion.

His Abilities were splendid and improved to the latest Moments  
 of his Life, by an uninterrupted Application to Science  
 in its largest Extent.

The Rapidity of his Conceptions was equalled only by the nice  
 Arrangement of his Arguments, and the Correctness of  
 his Judgment scarcely surpassed by his unassuming  
 Power of Elocution, and the well-adjusted  
 Ornaments of his Language.

As a Man he possessed Honor and Benevolence, as a Father the  
 fondest Affection, as a Husband the most rigid Constancy.

As a Statesman he had Address and Discernment, as an Advocate  
 for Administration the most persuasive Eloquence ;

Yet, in the OEconomy of his Household he was profuse without  
 Magnificence; in the Elegance of his Person vain and  
 inconsiderate, without attaining to the Medium  
 of just Refinement.



To the Memory of L . . . G . . . . .  
 This Monument,  
 Erected chiefly by the Contributions of those who purchased  
 his *Stud*,  
 Speaks all his Virtues, for it presents the Reader — with a Void.

Had not the Honor of his Bed been sullied,  
 The World could never have been acquainted, that he had a  
 vulnerable Part about him ;  
 Such was the Baseness of his Sentiments, and the Ferocity of  
 his Manners.  
 His Lordship on the 29th of — 178—, eager to establish the  
 Reputation of a Filly under Weight, at Newmarket, mounted  
 her in Person, to preserve the necessary Balance, and agreeing  
 previously to take all possible Advantages, was knocked down  
 with the Butt-end of a Horse-whip, by Lord —'s Jockey,  
 and expired in a few Minutes, to the infinite Regret of the  
 Knowing-ones, who were effectually taken in.

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\* C . . . . E . . . of S . . . . .  
 After having passed — Years in the most wretched Profligacy,  
 banished himself even from the Presence of his Children, that  
 he might reflect with more secluded Earnestness on the Igno-  
 miny of his past Life. Stigmatized with the Reproaches of  
 Mankind, and forsaken by the few who had been accessory  
 to his Misconducts, he found no Consolation in Grandeur,

no  
 • Deceased since the First Edition was printed.



no Happiness in the Affluence he inherited, but Self-condemned to Exile, lingered out the Bondage to which he fled, in the gloomy Horrors of unrepenting Despair.

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Fettered, beyond the Ability to escape,  
And snug in the *leaden* Confinement of the Coffin she shuddered  
to anticipate, lies the still buxom  
Dowager C—— of H. r . . . g t . n,  
Who, after ridiculing the Notions of Monumental Imprisonment  
for —— Years, found herself unusually affected with a  
Prescience of the dark Doom to which the Omnipotence  
of Death has sentenced her, on the Third of  
June 178—.

Her Fears were for Fourteen Months as predominant as one  
could reasonably expect, though they seldom deprived  
her of the Sum Total of her Faculties.

When the deceased Lord H—— was mentioned she could not  
however command the Violence of her Feelings, but laughed  
repeatedly, though the Agitations of her fore-boding Mind  
were cogent enough to stifle the Renewal of any  
moderate Passion.

When she heard the Name of General C——, she thanked her  
Stars *that she had known him*; and again she wished *she*  
*had not known him.*

In this Maze of Inconsistencies her Ladyship preserved an  
*embonpoint* that surprized every one who beheld  
the Phrensy which possessed her;

The bewitching Rotundity of her Physiognomy remained  
unwasted,



unwasted, and her Health appeared to have suffered  
 no visible Decay till the First of May 179—;  
 When, on receiving Information of —'s Death, she exclaimed,  
*Good Heavens!* and expired without a Groan.

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To the Memory of  
 — Dowager C—'s of Cha . . . . . ,  
 A Lady more *au fait* in the Art of accommodating little Diffi-  
 culties than any Woman of her Age. After disposing of her  
 Person, for the first Time, rather to please her Husband than  
 herself, she judged it but a reasonable Liberty to choose *sans*  
*Reservoir* the second Time for her own Interest and Satis-  
 faction. Major M . . . . charmed her; Mrs. M . . . . was an  
 Obstacle: One generous Expedient was still at Lady C—'s  
 Command: She embraced it, and all former Contracts were  
 declared invalid.  
 Her Ladyship, after struggling with a few Inconveniences,  
 which her Perseverance was more than equal to, died on the  
 30th of — 179—, in a good old Age, admired for the *Finesse*  
 and Intrepidity which so eminently distinguished her.

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In a Vault beneath,  
 Entomb'd with every Solemnity due to his distinguished  
 Character in Life,  
 Lies the once-animated Corpse of Lord G . . . . . G . . . d . n,  
 A Nobleman less circumspect than zealous in his Attachments,  
 more rash, than judicious in the Prosecution of his Designs;  
 His



His Mind was alternately a Residence for the most splendid  
 Virtues, a Shelter for the most incoherent Foibles ;  
 Unfortunate in the — he inherited, the Ascendancy of his  
 Inclinations discovered itself at a Period when it might have  
 been checked by Counsel, though not reduced by Violence.  
 Educated in Notions, by no means the most tolerant, and a  
 Slave to the Sentiments he once adopted, he eagerly  
 imbibed the Spirit of the People with whom  
 he had lived, and became an Enthusiast  
 from Principle.

To accommodate his Opinions to the Genius of present  
 Circumstances, was a Maxim he utterly abhorred.  
 The indignant Fervor of his Soul prompted him to persecute  
 while he reformed, and avenge the Cause of Reason and  
 Justice, by utterly eradicating such Errors as he  
 deemed wilful and unworthy.

Such were his Motives, and such the public Avowal of his  
 Intention at ——— Tavern in ———.

The Scene which succeeded, brought almost to Remembrance  
 The wretched Carnage of the 15th Century.

But the execrable Depredations of a lawless Banditti were  
 a Means for the Requisition of Redress, far different  
 from that he would have pointed out.

He lamented the Breach of Tranquility he had been so  
 instrumental to, and blessed the Mercy of his  
 Judges when they declared him unconvicted of the  
 t . . . sonable Offences laid to his Charge.



Clasp'd in each other's Arms,  
 Without the Means, unless of a mouldering Separation,  
 Sleep in soft Amity, who never loved while living,  
 Sir G— ——— and Lady ———.

He possessed few Accomplishments of Mind, ——— of Person none. A professed Antipathy, and a studied Ill-humour seemed to have so rigid a Predominance over every Action of his Life, that to an indifferent Companion, much more so to his W——, his Manners and Conversation were insufferably odious. Some Weeks before the 14th of June 178——, the Moroseness of his Disposition seemed to have forsaken him. He could eat, drink, and sleep much like another Man. His Friends were alarmed beyond Measure — The Faculty gave little Hopes—— and as Lady ——— and her Acquaintance suspected, Sir ——— died about Midnight, in a Fit of such sweet Serenity, that it is thought if he had recovered, he would have shewn himself a different Creature ever after.

Blessed by Nature with a Pair of bewitching Eyes, which animated a Person by no Means *mal-arrangée*, she ventured on the wide World, in full Confidence of the good Fortune which usually attends such happy Omens. Pleased with the Attentions of Sir ———, and un-intimidated by the luckless Precedent, exhibited in the Life of her fair and amiable Predecessor, she consented, on being admitted a Partner in his Fortune, to run the Risque of his Esteem. The Appearance of Things was justified in the Event; Disgust took Place on her Side, Satiety on his, and sovereign Contempt was exchanged on an equal Balance from either Party. The Knot was however indissoluble. Her Schemes and his Wishes were frustrated by an unexpected Decision in Favor of each other's firmest Fidelity.

On becoming a Widow, her Ladyship grew, on a sudden, insensible to every Thing about her, and after lingering Twenty-three Days in a State of the most mortifying Stupor, died on the 16th of Nov. 179——, without being able to explain the Occasion of the Calamity she laboured under.

Like



Like a Gibbet, erected on the Road Side,  
To deter the unthinking Passenger from following an evil Course  
of Life,

This Marble Record of a Misfortune as unforeseen as sudden,  
Warns the yet un-reflecting Libertine, who may have stept  
(through a Motive of Curiosity) from the Chambers of De-  
bauchery to those of Contemplation.

Sir J . . . L . . .

After being plundered of Wealth and Reputation, by Knaves the  
most unprincipled, and Women the most abandoned, fell  
from a Phaeton which he had himself constructed on  
a new Mode, and was trampled on by his  
own Horses.

He lived to regret the Opportunities he had lost of doing Service  
to Mankind, and admonished the Companions of his Distress  
to value the Lesson they received in the Issue of his Indiscretions.

On a splendid Monument, decorated with Emble-  
matical Figures.

The Permanence of Marble, or the Aid of Sculpture,  
Shall not alone perpetuate the Lustre of a Name, which Ages,  
yet unborn, shall be taught to revere with Love and Gratitude.

R . . . . . L . . . . . Bishop of L . . . . .

Distinguished, in his earliest Infancy, for the Loveliness of his  
Manners, and the Refinement of his Understanding, cultivated  
every Virtue that could adorn the genuine Perfection of  
his Mind, and studied every Embellishment that

could



could add Mildness to the Splendor of  
his Erudition.

His Conduct was directed to the Benefit, his Wishes formed  
for the universal Happiness of Mankind.

In his Episcopal Dignity he found Occasions for gratifying his  
Ambition, and embraced them.

As a Patron, as a Father, as a Friend, he was beloved  
with Veneration.

As a Writer, unrivalled in the Age he lived in.  
The Cabinets of the learned record the Greatness of his Talents,  
and the inestimable Value of his improved Researches  
into mysterious Knowledge;  
The still recent Instances of his Benignity need no Testimonies  
to immortalize their Worth.

His Lordship, on the Death of ——— was exalted to the ——— of  
—— and died on the — of — without having incurred a  
Censure, during a Life of — Years, from the  
most licentious of Mankind.

To the Memory of  
C..... J...k...son, Esq.  
Who, after discharging the Duties of every Office in  
Administration with *Eclat*, became at length ———, and  
retired with the Satisfaction of having eclipsed the  
good Fortune of his Predecessors for Three  
successive Reigns.

His



His Conduct was exemplary, as a Man; as a Minister, his Abilities were the Subject of general Admiration.

In the Dawn of his Felicity he had few Friends; in the Plenitude of Power, and the Retirement which succeeded, fewer Enemies.

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Lord Viscount W . . . . h,

Was never so enveloped in the Minister, as to lose Sight of the Man.

His Inclinations for a Series of Years were so truly harmless, that they never prompted him to do Good or Evil; Possessed of an honest well-meaning Good-humour he implicitly confided in his official Agents to the Neglect of the public Interest and his own.

His Retirement from the Secr—ship of State was the first Instance he discovered of a *self-evident* Certainty that he had ever held it.

His Lordship died on the Third of July 179—, in a Fit of Laughter on seeing his Colleague Lord —— do Penance for his Offences at —— Cross.



At the Entrance of a private Cloister.

To the Ignominy of her,  
Who, after disgracing the name of —, rejected that of —,  
and courted with shameless Avidity the nominal Distinction of  
— of —,

Is this Monument erected by one, who valued the amiable  
— whom she dare make the criminal Tool of  
her insolent Ambition.

Her Life, like her Manners, was a wretched Composition of  
every Thing disgraceful.

The fair Form Nature had endowed her with, she disdained to  
value even with the outward Guise of Chastity;  
She fell a Sacrifice, on the Third of October 178—,  
To the Repentment of —:

Three Ruffians, engaged for the Purpose, wounded her in several  
Places, and being discovered, impeached their Abettor, but  
without any Molestation to his Person.

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Here lies the Body of  
— C . . . . Earl of B . ll . . . . t,

A Man,



A Man, whose Virtues had been recorded with Honor to Posterity,  
Had they kept Pace with his Comeliness or his Bravery.

The Fire of his Indignation became a Vice,

When it sought to revenge only a supposed Affront ;

Yet the Languor of his Distress made him an Object of Com-  
passion with the Ladies, who have ever a View to the Person,  
when they extol the Soul, and he died, as he had lived, with  
the Reputation of Gallantry and Spirit.

Mr. W . y, Successor to the Right Honorable

—— B . . tie, Earl of A . . . . .

From a tender Respect to the Memory of so distinguished a No-  
bleman, and so eminent a Patriot, has erected this Stone as a  
Token of his Gratitude and Veneration. His Lordship, amidst  
a Multitude of Foibles, possessed the nicest Sense of Honor,  
and in his Commerce with the more base and designing Part  
of Mankind, acted on Principles of genuine Sincerity. His  
Indiscretions, however they might have impaired his Fortune,  
did not indicate a Depravity of Heart. He had the Feelings  
of a Father, though he attended not to the temporal Interests  
of his Children, and preserved the *Eclat* due to his Rank and  
Dignity, though a Stranger to the OEconomy necessary to  
transmit them with the same Splendor to his Posterity. A  
Spirit of Opposition animated him on every Occasion, whe-  
ther he arraigned the Conduct of Ministers in the Senate, or  
of Jockies on the Course. To the *Cacoethes* of being ever in  
Action, he owed the greatest Share of his Misfortunes. To  
the Blessings of domestic Peace, he was indebted for a Miti-  
gation



gation of his most pungent Distresses. Having no Son to inherit his Estates, he considered accumulated Wealth as an unnecessary Appendage to the Charms of Two amiable Daughters, who possessed their Mother's loveliest Virtues, without the Frailties of their Father.

His Lordship, after retiring on the Wreck of —ool. a Year, grew enamored with the Happiness of a sequestered Life, as he became more sensible of Lady A——'s inestimable Worth, and died at — on ——— 181—, with far greater Serenity than he had lived.

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To the Memory of

R . . . . . R . gby, Esq.

An able Statesman, without the Affectation of Abilities,  
or the Insolence of Office;

A social Friend, without the Insincerity or the Reserve of Greatness;

A professional Minister, cautious without Pusillanimity,  
Zealous without Ostentation,

And admired even by those who declared his Merits inadequate  
to the Emoluments of the Post he enjoyed.

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On a plain Black Stone.

M . . . . . Earl of . . . . .

Vexed beyond Relief at the Remembrance of past Misconducts,  
And robbed of every Inch of landed Property, but the  
Grave he resides in;

Wifely



Wifely determined to *set foot*, where no one might dispute the Authenticity of his Title, or claim a prior Right from the Validity of Contracts;

And — on the 16th of Sept. 17—, to the inexpressible Mortification of a Multitude of hungry Creditors, who, like *the Eagles*, wherever HIS LORDSHIP *was*, *were gathered together*.

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In the Grand Chapel.

Sacred to the Name and Memory  
of the Honorable Aug....s K..... Adm...l of the —  
Whose Abilities and Intrepidity were never called in Question,  
even by the meanest and most dastardly of State Incendiaries,  
Till the shrewd Policy of a French Commander, with  
the Gasconade that inseparably followed,  
Rendered the Vigor of his Measures suspected, and the Fidelity  
of his Professions doubted by those, whom the Malevolence  
of private Pique made the public Champions of  
injured Virtue.

The Decision of Men,  
Uninterested in their Determinations,  
Restored him to the genuine Estimation of a People,  
Who saw through the vain Pretext, that M——rs had adopted  
to vilify his Character.

He passed through Life with that unfulfilled Honor which had,  
distinguished the earliest Testimonies of his Ambition, and  
died on the — of — 180—, universally lamented,  
as he had been universally esteemed.



Embassadors of Scandal,

Bewail the Loss ye have experienced in the Death and Burial  
of — first, though not the most beloved Wife

of L.g....r, Earl L.g....r,

A Lady so Dove-like in the Temper of her Constitution, that  
she granted, without the Preliminaries of Entreaty, every  
Indulgence which the most lawless Inclination  
could suggest.

Her Duty to Lord R—, and her Affection for Lord L— were  
ineffectual Barriers, where the Tyranny of her Desires van-  
quished every Obstacle that could maintain a Moment's Com-  
petition on the Side of Virtue.

Her Ladyship, after giving Proofs of the most extravagant Apof-  
tacy from Chastity and Good-manners, fought to retrieve her  
Character in the Arms of an honest Shoemaker, who, for a  
Course of Years, strapped her into the most rigid Obedience.  
The incorrigible Impurity of her Sentiments was however  
still above *Par*. On Jobson's Death she became an humble  
Suppliant to a Life-dragoon, but being detected in a Repetition  
of her former Offences, was drummed out of the Regiment,  
and died in a few Months after in the Service of Lord F—.

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S..... B.....ngt.n, Bishop of L....ff,

Was possessed of numerous Accomplishments, displayed with  
every possible Advantage in the Elegance of his Person, and  
the Brilliancy of his Manners.

His



His Abilities were beyond Mediocrity, though inadequate to the Reliance he bestowed on them in the Scale of his Conduct.

His Projects were rarely attended with Success:

Vain of the Attractions he possessed in his Youth, he attempted Conquests far beyond the Level he was destined to support; Flattered by the World, and prejudiced by Self-estimation, at a more advanced Period he concerted Plans which he had neither Genius to execute, or Interest to promote.

His Lordship died on the 17th of May 179—, no less happy in the Qualifications, than fond of the Dignities, which had so eminently distinguished him.

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In the Grand Chapel.

R E A D E R,

In the Name of P...tt, Lord C...d.n,  
Recognize rather the Virtues which exalted him,  
Than the Titles which ennobled his Posterity.  
Amidst the Violence of Dissention, and the Discord of Party  
Animosities, he remained inflexible.

Esteeming the Post he held unworthy the mean Artifices of  
political *Finesse*,

He chose rather to retire with Integrity than become  
the disgraceful Instrument of Measures he abhorred.

Sincerely lamenting the short-lived Glories of his Suc.....r,  
and viewing with a Mixture of Horror and Compassion the  
Danger which he had perhaps escaped, his Lordship found  
that



that Serenity in Retirement, which a virtuous Resignation can alone experience, and died on the — of ——— regretted, as he had been revered.

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In a private Chapel, belonging to the Family,  
consecrated to Saint Francis.

To the merry Memory of F..... D..... Lord Le D.....  
The most careless, and perhaps the most facetious Libertine  
of his Age :

He was never known to have corrected one Error, or to have been reclaimed from one Vice, he had once determined to indulge.  
His Residence in Town and Country was a *Rendezvous* for the choicest Geniuses of the Reign he lived in :

Having no Religion of his own, he never enquired into the Principles of others ; and being unable to hit on any moral System thoroughly adapted to his Taste, he considered the Manners of every Man, whether W...kes, Lord S.....ch, or P...l Wh.....d, as unexceptionable.

His Notions were peculiar to himself, and originated from a Species of Good-humour highly commendable, though it has not obtained, universally, with the less eccentric Part of Mankind.

He built Abbies, consecrated Churches, and dug Caverns,  
for the Sake of Mirth and good Fellowship ;  
And having lived to see his dearest Schemes completed, departed  
this



this Life on the 17th of Jan. 178—, in strong Convulsions, occasioned (as his Domestics report) by the Agitations he felt on hearing that Lord S . . . . ch proposed taking the Veil, and passing the Remainder of his Days (by express Command of his Holiness) in a Roman Catholic Nunnery.

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Beneath this Stone

Lies the fairer Part of Lady N——, an Amazon,  
Whose Gorgon-terrors were so irresistible, while living,  
That her Pall-bearers shuddered lest their Virtue should preserve  
its Efficacy in the Coffin.

Her Mind, had it been materialized, would been of the same  
rough Complexion with her Person ;

Its Powers were not less despotic ;

The little Rest she gave the First L—d of the T——, was the  
grand Plea he made in his Defence before the K— and P—vy  
C——l, for the indiscretionary *Doze* he took in the H—— of  
C——, though his Lordship was too honorable a Husband to  
*open the Budget* of Family Occurrences in Parliament.

Lady N—— complained that the Prem . . r had too much of the  
Minister, and too little of the Man ;

So that on his Lordship's Resignation, she grew less turbulent,  
And, to the Surprise of her most intimate Acquaintance,

Died a good easy Death on the

3d of Aug. 179—.

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In the Grand Chapel.

Consecrated by the Interment  
of Sir G . . . . . S . . . . le, Bart.

Whose invariable Attachment to the public Welfare was equalled  
only by the Dignity of his Sentiments in private Life.

He studied to support the Spirit of the Constitution, and saw its  
Principles violated with Regret and indignation.

Averse to the mistaken Zeal of factious Discontent, and abhorring  
the specious Fallacies of Mal-administr . . . . n, he observed the  
gentler and more honorable Track of Moderation in the Judg-  
ments he formed, and Conscience in the Determinations he  
adopted ;

And having lived with the Veneration and Esteem of all Mankind,  
died on the 3d of — — — universally lamented.

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Near the Altar.

P A S S E N G E R,

The Urn, you have visited, contains the Heart of  
— H . . d, Bishop of L . . . . . and C . . . . .

A Prelate, distinguished by every Virtue, and immortalized by  
every Qualification that could adorn the Christian,  
the Gentleman, and the Scholar.

The Royal Pupils, whose Confidence he gained by the Elegance  
of his Manners, and the Sincerity of his Counsels,  
Knew and admired the Worth and Integrity of their Preceptor.

They



They cherished the Man, who had taught them the important  
Lesson how to be beloved, while the Arrow of Death forbore  
to vindicate its Errand, and erected this Tribute to his Memory,  
when robbed of the Felicity of contemplating his living Per-  
fections.

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Ye little intangible, incommunicable, aerial Spirits,  
If such of you there are who guard around the Ashes of  
departed Beauties,  
Hover, with soft Dominion, in inexplicable Circles,  
over the Corpse of the once Hon. Mrs. B . . v . . ie.  
Could you animate her afresh, she'd gladly join with you  
in the Dance,  
And charm your Senses with the dear Delights she had quitted,  
When she took a *long Farewell* of the upper World,  
And, wounded by the Dart of Death,  
Which she mistook for Cupid's Shaft,  
Bade an unwilling Adieu to *all her Greatness*.  
Her Calamity was as unfortunate, as novel,  
The Tears she shed, would have softened a Heart of Adamant;  
Yet Death, insensible to Contrition, was inexorable, and  
Mrs. B——, beauteous in Affliction, languished,  
*grew sick*, and died.

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To the indelible Disgrace  
Of A . . . . . B . r . n, Lady C . . y . . s,  
Is this Monument erected, who, fearless of the Infamy she must  
incur



incur with the virtuous Part of her Sex, and a Stranger  
to the Anguish of Self-reproach,  
Dared fly from the Arms of a Husband, who treated her with  
Tendernefs, to the Embraces of a Profligate, who, from a  
Spirit of Gallantry, consented to an Union, which neither his  
Honor, or his Inclination prompted him to accept.  
Forfaken by the Man ſhe ſeduced, deſpiſed by the World, and  
then only compelled to a Senſe of her Miſconducts, ſhe  
ſied for Refuge to the Gloom of retired Concealment, where  
the Obloquy of the World diſturbed not the Tranquility of  
her Reflections.

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To the Memory of — T . . . . t, Earl T . . . . t,  
A Nobleman, who in the indifcriminate Rancor of Party-malevo-  
lence, was expoſed to Inſults, which he felt with a greater  
Degree of Senſibility, than thoſe, who by their avowed Cri-  
minality had juſtly merited the public Censure they expe-  
rienced.

His Lordſhip was moderate in his Principles, and  
uniform in his Conduct.

He conſidered the Finances of his Royal Maſter as equally  
embarrasſed with his own ;

The Prodigality of a profuſe, though generous Predeceſſor in one  
Inſtance, and the exorbitant and oppreſſive Uſurpation of  
a Wife in the other, made it alike expedient to  
reſtore OEconomy in the Houſhold of the  
Monarch and his Servant.

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The Slanders of a few interested Individuals were however  
listened to with Eagerness, and rendered the Task  
irksome and unprofitable,  
On retiring from public Concerns, his Lordship discovered that  
genuine Happiness is not the Result of a Familiarity with  
Courts, but rather of a Self-approbation in having  
used that Familiarity with Fidelity and Honor.

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Libertines and Statesmen,  
Gaze with Admiration on the Tomb of one,  
Who, in the extravagant Career of studied Licentiousness,  
Maintained a Firmness of Sentiment,  
Which did Honor to the Cause he had engaged in, while it  
stamped Conviction on the Principles he defended  
J . . . W . . kes, Esq.  
Read the Characters of Men, in the Measures they adopted,  
and considered them obnoxious, in Proportion to  
the Malignity of their Influence :  
Though a Friend to the domestic Virtues of a Minister, he  
esteemed it an unpardonable Error in Politics, to admit  
them as a Bias for the Extenuation of public  
Misdemeanors.  
Zealous in the interest he adopted, and bigotted to the Tenets  
he had once professed, the Measure of his conduct was not  
always guided by cautious Moderation.  
In condemning the lawless Insolence of a corrupt Adm . . . n,  
he sometimes criminated Men, who abhorred the Connivances  
they were said to have assisted in.



Profiting by the Leisure of a less dangerous Period, he corrected the mistaken Sallies of an indignant Spirit, and preserved the Warmth of genuine Patriotism without a blind Adherence to the enthusiastic Rashness of a Party.

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Here lie the ponderous Remains of  
C . . . . . P . . . . . Lord M . . . . .,  
Immortalized in the Dock-yards of Great Britain as one of the choicest Sailors, and, without Exception, the most enlightened Journalist of his Age. He preserved the yet unfulfilled Glories of his Birth, with a *Caution* that would have done him Honor as a Pilot, but *tarnished* his Reputation as a subordinate Officer, disinterested in the Fate, and a competent Judge of the Merits of his Adm...l.  
After performing a Multitude of gallant Services for his M—— and the Board of A——, his Lordship was declared unfit for farther Service by Means of his extraordinary Corpulence, and retired on a Pension, with the Sub-government of a new Hospital for invalids, built at the joint Expence of —— and Sir Hugh P . . . . . r.

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To the Memory of Lady F . . . . . s L . f . e ,  
Who, tired of the Servitude she laboured under, in the Bonds of her first Wedlock, took a Resolution to turn the Tables on Lord T——, and eloped with the first pretty Fellow she could meet with.

Some



Some conscientious Scruples attended the Violation of her own  
Honor, though she was most rigidly indifferent to  
that of her Husband;  
To appease which, and to silence, if possible, the Voice of Calumny,  
She offered her hand to Mr. L——,  
Who, after binding her over to future good Behaviour,  
accepted the Boon she bestowed, and treated her with  
Tenderness and Affection.  
The Loveliness of her Person made some Amends  
(In the general Opinion)  
for the Infidelity of her Heart.  
She possessed Charms that would have captivated a Heart of Stone,  
yet she obscured their Lustre by Failings, which must have  
cooled the Ardor of the most unphilosophical Admirer.

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In Remembrance  
of —— —, A . . . . . of —— —,  
Promoted to the Dignity he held, rather from a Consistency  
in the Sentiments of the P —— he served, than from the  
Splendor of his Abilities or the Greatness of his Virtues.  
His G —— died on the 17th of April 17——, lamented but by a few,  
for, on his advancement to the see of ——, he had rejected  
the Means of conciliating the Veneration of Mankind.

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On a rough Stone, the Inscription scarcely legible.  
—— C . . way, Earl of H . . . . .  
Made no Provision in his Will for the Structure of a Monument  
to perpetuate his *Virtues*.

His



His S— thought them sufficiently exemplified in himself, and refused a more *liberal* Testimony of their Excellence.

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Within the narrow Precincts of an earthly Grave  
Are interred the consecrated Remains of H .. ke, Lord H .. ke,  
A Veteran, whose Name, like that of our *First Edward*,  
struck a Panic into the Enemies of Britain,  
even after Death.

The Bravery of his Soul was equal to the Dangers he encountered:  
The cautious Intrepidity of his Deliberations superior  
even to the Conquests he obtained.

The Annals of his Life compose a Period of Naval Glory,  
unparalleled in later Times.

Death, who seemed to menace him at every Instant and in every  
Shape, forebore to strike the Blow, till his Inability to crush  
the growing Insolence of the Enemies he had once vanquished,  
rendered Life irksome, as it only reminded him of the Inac-  
tivity he had submitted to with Repugnance.

In the Meridian of his Glory he scorned to ask the Honors his  
Worth might have commanded:

A P——, fond of Heroes, yet misled by the Prejudices of de-  
signing Counsellors, granted him Dignities in the Eve of Life  
which added Lustre to himself, only as they ennobled his Suc-  
cession.

His Lordship died, in a venerable old Age, on the 13th of  
August 178—

At



At the Entrance of a Family Vault.

Sacred to the Memory  
of a Brother, two Sisters, and an Aunt  
the Representatives of a Family distinguished by the  
Splendor of their Ancestry, and the Purity of their Virtues.

— B . . . . . Earl of — ,  
Aspiring to Qualifications  
Which placed him on a Level with the  
Most abject of mankind, habituated  
Himself to Sentiments unworthy even of  
The wretched Conduct he exhibited.  
Inured to the most abandoned Profligacy, he professed himself  
Unhappy in having ever cultivated  
A Wish that might promote the Interests  
Of Honor or Benevolence.  
This noble Criminal, an Apostate, even from the Inclination  
Of being virtuous, fell a Sacrifice to the Prowess  
Of Mr. L..pey, at K——, on the 3d of Sept. 178— :  
His Death being occasioned by too precipitate  
An Interruption of his Antagonist's  
Ball in a *long Stroke*.

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Lady C . . . . . a W . . .  
Less violent than her noble Brother, in the Principles she adopted,  
Forfeited the comfortable Gratification of —000l. per Ann.  
For the sake of dear Mr. W——.

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She



She preserved her Honor, and with it her Happiness, inviolate;  
And died in the *cordial*, though non-*restorative*, Embraces  
Of her surviving Husband,  
On the 17th of Aug. 178—.

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Lady D..h..ff,  
Striving to emulate the dauntless Heroines of Antiquity,  
Fought gallantly under the banners of — King of P—d.  
A less magnanimous Prince of the Eng—sh Blood R—l gave  
Gave her a distinguished Command in his Squadron:  
Dissatisfied, however, with the Post she had held,  
Her Ladyship quitted her native Land in 178—,  
And died in the Service of his Pruss—n Majesty in Oct. 179—.

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Lady F—s —,  
Fond of Dominion, when founded on the genuine Spirit of  
true Love,  
Conceived an unconquerable Antipathy to modern Matrimony;  
And, in Conformity with the romantic Sentiments she cherished,  
Fled from the Participation of Wealth and Honors to the  
Arms of —, and the Gloom of Obscurity.  
Her Ladyship soon discovered that the Scene she had anticipated  
was founded on Idea, and pictured only by the creative  
Fervor of her Imagination.  
The Error was, however, beyond the Power of Remedy:  
She



She saw the fatal Consequence of the Foible she had indulged,  
Lamented her Indiscretion,  
And strove to banish it from her Remembrance

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In the Grand Chapel.

Sacred to the Memory of  
Th....w, Lord Th....w,  
Exalted at a Period when his Abilities shone with their most  
distinguished Lustre, to the Dignity of  
Lord High Ch——r of G——t B——n,  
And in the Discharge of that important Trust, revered by the  
Men, whose Interests he protected, and admired by the most  
zealous Advocates of a Party, whose Prejudices were  
diametrically opposite to the Principles  
of his Conduct.

In his Oratory he seemed to have revived the Eloquence of Rome  
With a Precision of Argument peculiar to himself.

Having penetrated, from his earliest Years, the Depths of ancient  
and modern Learning, he became familiar with the Sentiments  
of every Age, and imbibed the genuine Spirit of the  
Men, whose Glories he eclipsed.

Possessed of Talents, which Nature had bestowed with the most  
lavish Profusion, he improved them by the Severity of  
unwearied Application, to a Summit of Perfection  
unparalleled in the Records of modern History.

Cautious in the Assertions he maintained,  
And rapid in the animated Progress of his Language,

He



He astonished his Adversaries with the Sublimity of his Reasoning,  
While, by the judicious Texture of his Arguments, he rendered  
the Authority of his Decisions unanswerable, even by the  
notorious Cavillers of an Eng—sh P—rl—t.

In domestic Life his Lordship preserved not the Splendor of his  
Virtues in their senatorial Purity.

Morose in his Temper, he wished not to gain the Affections of  
those, whose Admiration he commanded,  
And having lived with the public Veneration of Mankind, died  
without a Testimony of private Attachment.

Here sleeps, somewhat ashamed of the Indignity,

— D—s Dow—r of —.

Left Ages to come should wonder, how a Lady, so eminently  
distinguished in the public Registers of the Reign she lived in,  
should come to an End so wretched and untimely, this Marble,  
while it records her Greatness, relates with Monumental Sorrow  
the wayward Events which preceded her Dissolution.

The D— of G—, Lord L—, Lord W—, and Mr. R—y  
formed a *Partie Quarree* at — House, by request of the  
noble Plenipotentiary Residee, with a View to accommodate  
Matters for a Junction with Lord N—.

The Terms being, to Appearance, adjusted to the Satisfaction  
of all Parties, Mirth and Good-humour took place, and  
Inebriety was *Nem. Con.* resolved on, as the necessary *Ulti-*  
*mum* of their Debates. The D—s, ensnared by the com-  
ble



fortable Appearance of the Thing, gave into the Scheme, and in Three Quarters of an Hour *was put to Bed* by her very honorable Associates.

At this seasonable Juncture her G--- was prevailed on to sign certain Proposals on the Part of his G--- of G--, and recovering from her Intoxication, --- herself from Chagrin at being so egregiously bubbled.

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Here lieth the Body of  
Cl..... S.....n, Earl of M.....

Who, after spending an ample Fortune in the most wretched Dissipation, died in a French Prison, reduced to the Want even of common Necessaries.

His Creditors have erected this Stone, for the Purposes of deterring the E--- or I--- Nobility from imitating his Misconducts.

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To the Memory of  
----- M....y, Viscount S.....nt,

Who did Honour to the Confidence of an indulgent Prince By the Greatness of his Virtues, and the Integrity of his Counsels. The Conduct of Lord M---- was a Pattern which he strictly copied, and by making it an invariable Bias in his parliamentary Determinations, gained the Love and Esteem of all who judged with Candor, and decided with Moderation.

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His



His Lordship died on the 17th of Jan. 18--, esteeming Death  
an Enemy, dreadful only to the rashly inconsiderate, or  
the malevolently criminal.

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Sir H . . . P . . . . .  
Resigned to the Evils he had been obnoxious to through Life,  
died with Serenity.  
The Contempt of Mankind moved him not to Indignation,  
though it shortened his Existence.  
Let those, who speak of his Misfortunes, treat them  
with Compassion.

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Here lies, in piteous Plight,  
The Body of ---, C---fs Dow---r of -----  
Attribute it not to false Discernment, curious Spectator, if on  
being admitted to view her Ladyship's Remains, thou  
conceivest them to have been animated with  
an *Egyptian Soul*.  
The *Mummy*-like Preservation they exhibit  
Was the Result rather of Violence than Art.  
Mr. B.... called on repeatedly by the departed Spirit of Lord S---  
to avenge his Injuries, from the generous Principle of a *Fellow-  
feeling*, confronted the *Ephesian Dame* with an *Hardiesse* so un-  
precedented,  
And bruised her with a Resolution so steady and effectual,  
That in less than ---- Years after the Authority of a *Special  
Liceuce*,



*Licence*, his Lordship's Ghost was quiet, and Lady S---  
reduced to unconditional Obedience.

The noble Defunct, doomed to Misfortune, had scarcely obtained  
Leave of Dr. ---- to quit her Chamber, when, impelled by  
the Dæmon of Ill-luck, in the Person of her H-sband,  
She leap'd a five-barred Gate, in the Heat of a Fox Chace,  
And fractured her skull, by *pitching* precipitately over the Neck of  
her Steed.

Nat. --- 17--

Ob. Mar. 17, 17-4.

### In the Grand Chapel.

Insensible to Malevolence, and exempt from Persecution,  
Sleeps F..... N.... Lord N....

A Minister, zealous in the Accomplishment of Measures,  
Whose Validity was rather supported on the Systems of a C--cil,  
than approved by private Conviction;

Unwearied in the Prosecution of Designs, which, though estab-  
lished by Constancy, were seldom attended with Success.

The Errors of his Admin----tion  
Seemed rather to have arisen from Fatality than Indiscretion.

To have succeeded the Duke of ----  
Was a Calamity, which his Lordship considered as the Source of  
his Misfortunes.

Policy and Dissimulation marked the Conduct of the one,  
An honest Credulity the Subsistence of the other.  
Hence his Lordship became obnoxious to the Ignominy and Dis-  
grace which his Pred---r had avoided, by confessing  
himself a Profelyte to Popularity.

After



After having vanquished a Series of Difficulties, which menaced him at the same Moment, with accumulated Destruction, his Lordship had nearly effected an honorable Reconciliation betwixt G--- B---- and her C.l.nies, when the Goddefs of Sedition, envious of the Glories he might acquire, procured his Affassination by the Hand of Mr. --- on the 8th of Aug. 178-

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Beneath this Stone lies

F . . . . . E . . . . l of . . . . .

A Name odious even to the wretched Miscreants who had been instrumental to the Enormity of his Offences. Providence suffered him to assist in reforming public Manners, by exhibiting Vice in its genuine Deformity. He criminated every Foible that had before been deemed venial, and so effectually disgraced the Failings which had hitherto gained Indulgence, that Men were fearful of deviating from the Principles of rigid Virtue, lest they should be reproached with having given Sanction to the Conduct of Lord P---.

His Lordship (as the Friends of his Family report)  
died a natural Death.

His Corpse was arrested, previous to its Interment,  
But the Privilege of Peerage secured it from Molestation..

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Sacred to the Memory  
of ----- G . . . r, Earl G . . . r,

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A Nobleman, who, for the Purpose of quelling the Party Zeal  
which distinguished his Family Connections,  
Suffered the Determinations of a dishonourable P—vy C—l to  
be sanctified by his Approbation, till the Infamy of their  
Proceedings became abhorrent to every Sentiment  
of Honesty or Honor.

His Lordship was recalled to the Post he had held on the 3d of  
—— 178—, on the Resignation of —— and ——,  
and died on the 17th of Feb. 179—.

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At the Entrance of the Grand Chapel.

To transmit, with Glory, to Posterity,  
The Name and Memory of Sir H . . . . Cl . . . . n,  
This Monument of Triumph was erected the 14th of Jan. 18—,  
By the unanimous Vote of an unprejudiced H— of C—,  
And at the willing Expence of a grateful People,  
Whom he restored to the Wealth and Greatness they  
had almost forfeited,  
In a Contest with the combined Powers of Europe and America.

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Tread lightly, gentle Passenger ;  
Perhaps, lost in the Rapture of Joys she wishes to eternize,  
She only sleeps.  
The once lively Lady P . . cy, shrouded in the Vest of cold Mortality,  
Subverts our Maxims, or appalls our Senses ;  
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Enforces our Reflexion, or encourages our Disbelief.  
Eternally disunited from the Nobleman she injured, her Ladyship offered a very cogent Claim to Mr. B——'s Affections, but without Success. Piqued at the Affront, and tired of an unsettled Life, she gave her Hand to the Earl of ——, who had just been divorced from the Partner of his Bed, and died on the Wedding Night.

Depart with Caution, lest, even now, she seduce  
you to her Embraces.

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S T R A N G E R,

Trouble not the Ashes of Sir —— ———,  
Left his departed Spirit, animated with the same Malevolence  
That vexed his Peace, while living,  
Return again, and haunt you with new Terrors.  
The dismal Gloom that reigns below, is the genuine Emblem  
of his Life ;

An accurate Picture of the Sentiments he espoused.

His Existence was burthenfome to himself ;

His Manners odious to others :

A Slave to the tyrannous Misanthropy he cherished,  
He felt not a Moment's Satisfaction but in the Exercise of Despotism,  
Nor studied the Gratification of a Wish, but in the  
Calamities he distributed.

After aggrandizing his Interests, by accumulated Possessions,  
He suddenly disappeared on the 3d of —— 178—,

And



And was discovered on the 17th suffocated at the Bottom of a  
 — mine, which he had dug for the Purpose of  
 prejudicing Mr. —.

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Hallowed by the  
 Interment of G . . . . . na C—fs Sp . . . . . r,  
 Possessed of every Charm that could captivate Admiration,  
 Adorned with every Perfection that could add Dignity to the  
 Elegance of her Accomplishments.  
 Though the exalted Loveliness of her Virtues  
 Will secure her a distinguished Place in the Annals of Fame,  
 Yet the filial Piety of a much-loved Daughter  
 May be allowed to dedicate this monumental Pillar to her Memory.

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Interred, with her Head downwards,  
 Lies, by this Time, in most a woeful Condition,  
 Mrs. W — — t — n.  
 Who, with all the Spirit of a First-rate Termagant, and all the  
 Indifference of a genuine ———,  
 Found it difficult to mitigate the Moroseness, or moderate the Pride,  
 of the learned and dignified P--l-te, who condescended  
 to call her Wife.  
 She was the most complete Adept, *dans les Ruses de Guerre*,  
 of any Woman in her Time ;

And



And is supposed to have concerted more than half the Infidelities  
which took place in the Neighbourhood of P—, some Years  
previous to her Death.

The ep..c.pal *Brigadier*, whom she had enlisted, left her in an  
eligible Widowhood. Mr. —, his Lordship's —, —,  
admir'd the Means whereby she supported it,  
and on the — of —, 178—, she was again a Wife:  
Death, however, partial only to the undistinguished, beckoned to  
her on *the Parade*; and Mr. N—h, striving to shelter  
her from his Malevolence, embraced a Corpse.

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Here lie the Bones  
Of — Earl of R . . . . .,

Who dared not acquaint the World with the Generosity of  
his Purposes, while living,  
But deferred a Testimony so unexpected to the Hour of his  
Interment; his Lordship trusting that his Repentance will  
be accepted, however dilatory, in the Penance  
which gives it Sanction;  
And caring but little for the Mode of Faith, which is to prove  
its grand Support, confesses himself a sincere, though  
*posthumous Profelyte*;  
And bequeaths the Sum of *Three Pence Halfpenny*, to every honest  
and well meaning Christian,  
Who shall be discovered in the joint Act of praying for his  
Lordship's own Soul, and endeavouring to save  
those of his illustrious Progeny.

His.



His Lordship recommends those who wish to become Candidates for the Premium he offers, to read his last Will and Testament, drawn up in the Principles of Lord Ch . . . . . 's, but considerably more binding, wherein they will learn the particular Necessity of rescuing his Right Honourable *Spirit* from Purgatory, and preventing his Relations from being thrown into the *same* Predicament.

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Somewhat distinguished  
By the Residence of . . . . . Duke of . . . . . ,  
Who, though blessed with the Acquisition of considerable Wealth,  
Basely rejected the honourable Affluence it afforded,  
And dissipated the Inheritance of his Fore-  
fathers, while in Reversion.  
Had his Life been only unprofitable, it might have passed in Obscurity,  
and been closed without a Memorial :  
But the Wretchedness of his Manners was such, that they composed  
a Pattern for the Knave, and a Lesson for the Profligate,  
which he was sedulous to recommend.  
His G—, after lingering some Days, died on the 3d of July, 178—,  
in severe Agony, having received a Kick on the Stomach  
from a favourite Bay Mare, near the Middle of the  
preceding Month, which was supposed to  
have considerably hastened his  
Dissolution.



To the Memory of — Lord — — —  
 Who, for a long Series of tiresome Years, was neither distinguished  
 by an Action or a Sentiment, which merited Observation. His  
 Majesty's M——s, wishing to profit by his Connexions, and  
 lamenting the Insignificance of an Instrument so wretched,  
 implored the — to make a Lord of him. Sir W —, who  
 till then had been religiously pacific, acquitted a Consequence in  
 Parliament, and to the double Surprise of his Constituents,  
*spoke*, what he called *his Meaning*. One Session, as *My Lord*,  
 wiped out his studied *Ayes* and *Noes* as Sir —, *Bart.* and  
 the Career of his Felicity promised to be permanent: yet the  
 Perverseness of his Fate, or rather a *dirty* Wilfulness of his  
 own, checked his growing Greatness ere it became mature.  
 At the general E——, 1780, anxious to be returned for  
 C——, but more so to be free from any Apprehension in  
 the pecuniary Way, he prevailed on about a hundred and fifty  
 of his warmest Friends, to be conveyed from the Metropolis in  
 a — — *Hoy*. The Punctilios of *nice Calculation* previous to  
 their embarking, detained them a considerable Time; foul  
 Weather on the Passage proved a second and more wayward  
 Obstacle: they arrived, 'tis true—but the Poll had been closed  
 Two Hours; Lord — — — had otherwise been in a Majority.  
 His Lordship, endeavouring to retrieve the Losses he had sustained,  
 st—rv-d himself to Death; and, in his last Moments, declared  
 his Approbation of an *Exit* so inglorious.

T H E E N D.





